AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fifth complete paragraph on page 9 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

~~Fig. 1~~ The sole figure of the drawing is a cross-section showing a general configuration of a reaction container employed in one embodiment of the method for producing cubic boron nitride of the present invention.

Please replace the two paragraphs beginning at page 18, line 18 and extending to page 19, line 13, with the following amended paragraphs:

Subsequently, each of the mixtures of Examples 1 to 16 and Comparative Examples 1 to 20 was charged into a mold, and press-molded at 150 MPa, to thereby form a columnar compact (diameter: 26 mm, height: 32 mm). Each of the compacts was placed in a reaction container shown in ~~Fig. 1~~the drawing.

~~Fig. 1~~ The drawing is a cross-section showing a general configuration of the reaction container. In ~~Fig. 1~~the drawing, reference numeral 1 denotes an outer wall of the container which is made of pyrophyllite, serving as a pressure conveyor, and has the shape of a hollow cylinder, and the inner side thereof is provided with a heater 2 consisting of a graphite hollow cylinder and a pyrophyllite liner 8 serving as a partitioning material. Also, the top and bottom ends of the container are each provided with a conducting steel ring 3 and a conducting steel plate 4, while the inner sides of the ring 3 and the plate 4 are provided with a sintered alumina plate 5 and a pyrophyllite plate 6 serving as a pressure conveyor, and the space surrounded by

the pyrophyllite plate 6 and the pyropyllite liner 8 serves as a chamber 7 for accommodating raw materials of reaction.